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1. RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF LIAISON BETWEEN KHAN AND BERNSTEIN
2. BAS TO BE WARNED OF THE ARRIVAL OF CHETA
3. MAJ IN TOUCH WITH "SI" THROUGH EFREM
4. QUERY ABOUT "SOLIDNYJ'S" NEW COVERNAME
(1944)

From: NEW YORK

To: MOSCOW

No: 1509

23 October 1944

To VIKTOR[i].

Your No. 4714[ii]. KHAN[iii] met BERNSTEIN[iv], who welcomed the re-establishment of liaison with him and promised to write a report on his trip by the first of November. Because of his malaria BERNSTEIN does not intend to leave the COUNTRY [STRANA][v] [B% for at least] a year. From now on he will be working for his magazine. BERN...

[23 groups unrecoverable]

...OVTsEV[vi] specifically wanted.

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We have received no reply to our No.766[ii]. Please bear in mind the necessity of letting BAS[vii] know in good time of the arrival of ChETA[viii].

No. 850.

I am bringing to your notice the fact that I have made contact with the head of the Secret and Cipher Section [SShO] of the PLANT [ZAVOD][ix] (henceforth "SI"[x]) through EFREM[xi] who personally introduced me to SI.

No. 851.

MAJ[xii]

23 October.

In number 4886[ii] the new covername of "SOLIDNYJ"[xiii] is garbled. Please repeat.

BORIS[xiv]

Footnotes:

- [i] VIKTOR: Lt. General P.M.FITIN.
- [ii] Not available.
- [iii] KHAN: ie. "KHAN"; unidentified covername. Formerly covername "ZELIMKHAN", ie "SELIH KHAN" (NEW YORK's No. 1146 of 10 August 1944, 3/NBF/T123). Also occurs in NEW YORK's No.1337 of 19 September 1944 (3/NBF/T151.2).
- [iv] BERNSTEIN: Walter Sol BERNSTEIN, free-lance journalist.
- [v] COUNTRY: USA.
- [vi] OVTSEV: A fairly common Russian surname ending; or the suffix of nouns denoting "person connected with "...ites".
- [vii] BAS: ie "BASS"; Michael W. BURD.
- [viii] ChETA: ie "The COUPLE"; Nicholas and Maria FISHER.
- [ix] PLANT: The Soviet Consulate-General in NEW YORK.

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- [x] SI: Evgenij Aleksandrovich DMITRIEV, Third Secretary, Soviet Consulate-General, NEW YORK; in charge of couriers and the Secret Cipher Office.
- [xi] EFREM: Unidentified covername. Also occurs in NEW YORK's Nos. 1199 of 23 August 1944 (3/NBF/T241) and 1516 of 25 October 1944 (3/NBF/T85).
- [xii] MAJ; ie "MAY"; Stepan Zakharovich APRESYAN.
- [xiii] SOLIDNYJ: ie "SOLID"; unidentified covername. In NEW YORK's No. 1403 of 5 October 1944 (3/NBF/T302) "MAJ" had proposed changing the covername "SOLIDNYJ" to "RODSTVENNIK", ie "KINSMAN"; in No. 4886 MOSCOW presumably made another proposal. Also occurs in NEW YORK's No. 1405 of 27 August 1943 (3/NBF/T2095).
- [xiv] BORIS: Aleksandr Pavlovich SAPRYGIN, NKGB cipher clerk at the Consulate-General in NEW YORK.

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